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Shriners Aid

Illustrious Potentate Herbert N. Faulkner of Melrose, center, presides over the 16,300 shriners of eastern Massachusetts, accompanied by Chief Rabban Clarence G. Young of Needham, right, and Imperial Sir Edgar L. Turner of Wellesley Hills, Imperial Marshal of the Shrine of North America.

In all his splendor, the "Potentate" with his Divan Officers of the Ritualistic Team in ceremonial session confer the degree work and initiation on the neophytes who must be high-ranking Masons to petition for membership.

The Fall Ceremonial Meeting of the shriners will be held in honor of Most Worshipful A. Neill Osgood of Wellesley Hills, grand master of Masons in Massachusetts, Dec. 12 at the Commonwealth Armory. A class of 500 will be initiated.

Two members of the clown unit become serious momentarily when it comes to "chow."

Illustrious Potentate Faulkner is escorted through the lines to the "Oriental Chair" on the rostrum by Past Potentate George A. Weeks of Melrose, at his left.

Aleppo's colors and color guards post colors at all events. The colors of the Shrine include the flag of countries where Shrine organizations are located, the flags of the United States of America, the Dominion of Canada, the Republic of Mexico, the state flag, city flag, and the purple flag of Past Imperial Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr.

Crippled Children

By James Krigman

This is the story of an organization—the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine—founded by a group of 13 Scottish and Knights Templar Masons in New York city in 1871.

The first temple was named Mecca and since then the shrine has grown to 167 temples in North America, from Canada to the Panama Canal Zone and from Maine to the Hawaiian Islands including Mexico, with a membership of over 825,000.

Aleppo Temple, the local shrine organization, with headquarters in Boston, has a membership of over 16,300 covering eastern Massachusetts from Worcester County to Cape Cod. Executive offices are in their own building in Copley sq. where the policy is set by Illustrious Potentate Herbert N. Faulkner of Melrose and carried out by the treasurer, Past Potentate Frank B. Ells of Cambridge, and the recorder, Harvey B. Leggee of Wellesley Hills, who has been on the job 40 years.

The Red or Turkish Fez, the official headgear of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, derives its name from the holy city of Fez in Morocco. The Shrine is often called the "Playground of Masonry" with many of its activities affording an opportunity of relaxation and merriment. The Shrine emphasizes tolerance and respect for the beliefs of others and is thus helpful in building character and friendship. The Red Fezzed Shriners are known for their pageantry displayed in parades, such as the Rose Bowl Tournament and East-West football game.

But it isn't for fun alone that the Mystic Shrine exists. Underlying it all was the urge to do something for humanity, thus, the shrines of North America are underwriting one of the greatest humanitarian efforts of making crippled children whole.

The Shriners own and operate 17 hospitals for crippled children throughout North America. Since the first hospital opened at Shreveport, La., in 1922, more than 300,000 crippled children, regardless of race, creed or color have been treated—and given a new lease on life—at no cost to them or their parents. The Shriners' Hospital in this area is located in Springfield.

At the annual convention last year it was resolved to establish and operate one or more hospitals for the care and treatment of children with acutely dangerous burns, and a fund of $10 million was voted for a program of burn treatment, research and training program. This project, like the shrine hospitals, will be completely supported by the Shrine.

Recently an agreement was reached between the Shrine and the Massachusetts General Hospital with plans calling for building a facility on Blossom st. in the West End Redevelopment Area.

Judge Robert G. Wilson Jr. of Suffolk Probate Court, past imperial potentate of the Shriners of North America and a past potentate of Aleppo Temple, has led negotiations for these national Shrine hospital projects.

The shriners are indeed proud of this great work and what their hospitals are striving to do. It is truly said, "No man ever stood so straight as when he stooped to lift a crippled child."

The Cover

Shriners' bandsmen warm up before a parade in park opposite their headquarters in Copley sq.

The Chanters supply the vocal music for all ceremonials of the organization.